## Anthon Community Methodist Church 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent Lay Pastor Shirley Nelson March 9, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Prelude and Lighting of Altar Candles

We Gather in God's Presence

Welcome and Announcements

**Opening Song** 

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Marilyn Hladik

**IJMH #269** 

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

- L: When Jesus was in the wilderness, he was tempted to save himself.
- P: We often look for the good things for ourselves first, before the well being of others.
- L: Jesus was offered salvation if he turned stones to bread; if accepted wealth and power; if he tested God's commitment to him.
- P: In all these things, Jesus remained strong in his commitment to God
- L: May our commitment be as strong.
- P: May our lives be placed in God's caring hands throughout our journey. AMEN.

## **Opening Prayer**

Lord, the temptations of the world loom large before us. We are enticed, cajoled, and "sweet-talked" into moving from lives of service to lives of self-centeredness. We need healing love. As you resisted the temptations in the wilderness, help us to place our trust in you, that we may be strong in our faith and confident in our service to you through serving others. AMEN.

### We Hear God's Word

Special Music "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Erin Baird

First Reading Romans 4:13-17

Second Reading "Lent" UMH #268

Children's Story

Hymn of Preparation "Sunday's Palms are Wednesday's Ashes" TFWS #2138

JoLynne

Gospel Lesson Luke 4: 1-13

Today's Message "The Journey" Shirley Nelson

#### **God Calls Us to Respond**

**PRAYERS OF THE PASTOR AND PEOPLE** (Joys and Concerns) The Lord's Prayer

## Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

\*Doxology #95,

Prayer of Dedication

All: Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessings on these tithes and offerings. May they be used to support your work and to bring your message to the world. AMEN.

Closing Hymn "In Christ There Is No East or West" UMH #548

Extinguish the First Lenten Candle Sending Forth with Blessing Postlude//Extinguishing of candles

MinistersEVERYONE!Lay PastorShirley NelsonLiturgistMarilyn HladikOrganist/PianistEileen Van Meeteren

#### IN THE CIRCLE OF OUR CONCERN:

OUR COUNTRY, OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN, our church, our community leaders, our president, our farmers, Bobby Lewis,
Tom & Cindy Herrick, Fran & Keith Determann, Ed and Carol Davis,
Brad Harbaugh, Alta Patterson, Trisha Theisen, Keith Allman, Eleanore Lewis,
Rick Gubbels, Lana Kropf, Tracy Lewis, Peggy Hansen, Bettina Perkins,
Barb Madsen, Elwanda Sheriff, Joyce Gothier, Jeanette Kummer,
Roger Hladik, Stephanie Johnson, Brittany Miller, & Norma Bunnell.
Remember our Nursing Home Residents!

Please let us know if anyone should be added or removed from this list.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

March 10: Finance & Ad Board meeting 4:30 p.m.

**Needed:** We are in need of one or two people to give children's stories on Sunday morning during worship. On rotation you would only have to give one about every six weeks. Also, we will be taking a break during the summer months without children stories.

<u>March Readers</u>: March 16-JoLynne Reimert; March 23-Sue Wilson; March 30-Jerry Klindt

<u>March Children's Story:</u> March 16-Shirley Nelson; March 23-Erin Baird; March 30-Kathy Hodgdon

## **Weekly Birthdays and Anniversaries:**

March/April. Upper Room Devotionals are on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

<u>Anthon Military:</u> To our men and women in uniform.... past, present and future, God Bless You and Thank You!

If you have a loved one connected to the service, please let us know.

## **Contact Us:**

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